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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The above amendment and the following remarks are in reply to the Office action of 10/05/2007. In light of this reply, reconsideration and further examination of this application are respectfully requested.

Twenty-one claims (18-23, 25-31 and 33-40) were pending in this application. In the above amendment, two claims (18 and 37) were amended, none was cancelled, and six new claims (41-46) were added. Accordingly, 27 claims (18-23, 25-31 and 33-46) are now presented for reconsideration and further examination.

In section 3 of the Office action, the Examiner rejected claims 37-40 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention, stating, in pertinent part,

"The term 'a receiving container' in claim 37 is used by the claim to mean 'receiving the display panel and closely attaching to the signal converting unit', while the accepted meaning is 'a mold frame'. The term is indefinite because the specification does not clearly redefine the term."

Responsively, in the above amendment, claim 37 was amended to replace the term "container" with the term "mold frame." Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection has now been overcome.

In section 6, claims 18-23 and 25-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baek et al. (US 6,977,640, hereinafter Baek), and further in view of Takahashi et al. (US 5,889,572, hereinafter Takahashi).

In section 7, claims 33-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baek in view of Takahashi as applied to claim 18 above, and further in view of Furuhashi et al. (US 5,909,205, hereinafter Furuhashi).

In section 8, claims 37-40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baek in view of Takahashi, and further in view of Furuhashi.

In light of the amendments to independent claims 18 and 37 above and the remarks that follow, it is respectfully submitted that the foregoing rejections are now moot.

In particular, amended independent claims 18 and 37 now include, among others, the following distinguishing limitations:

Claim 18: "... a mold frame having opposite front and rear planes, the display panel being disposed in front of the front plane thereof;

... a first printed circuit board (PCB) ... closely attached to the rear plane of the mold frame ...; and,

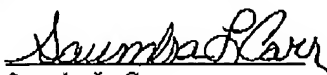
a second PCB ... closely attached to the rear plane of the mold frame" (Emphasis added.)

Claim 37: "... a mold frame having opposite front and rear planes, the display panel being disposed in front of the front plane thereof, the signal converting unit being closely attached to the rear plane thereof. (Emphasis added.)

A review of the Back reference reveals that both the "display panel (10)" and the "signal converting unit (42)" are disposed in front of the front plane of the "panel housing 22A" (Back, Fig. 6), and accordingly, does not and cannot meet the above limitations of independent claims 18 and 37 that the source PCB and/or the signal converting unit be closely attached to the rear plane of the mold frame. Indeed, if they were so disposed, they would both be located outside of the display device. Additionally, it is further noted that neither Takahashi nor Furuhashi supply this important deficiency in the teaching of Back.

In light of the above distinctions, among others, between the present invention and the art relied upon by the Examiner, it is respectfully submitted that the above rejections in view of Back, Takahashi and Furuhashi are now untenable, and should be withdrawn, and that all 27 pending claims (18-23, 25-31 and 33-46) are now allowable over the art of record. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If there are any questions regarding this reply, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below.

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